

METCA Monitor

HOW THE METCA MONITOR BEGAN

While printing the August 1971 issue of Trade Token Topics, I received a letter from Bill Clapper, METCA 25, relative to some tokens he had obtained through the mail which he believed to be suspect items.

I printed a flier similar to the one on the inside of this 'Monitor Sheet' and mailed it along with TTT to the members.

The rest of the story is history and can be read as you go through the pages of this year book..

Ray Nadreau

1972

SPECIAL BULLETIN

July 24, 1971

Dear Ray:

Thought I had better get a letter to you Air Mail so that this information could hit the next issue.

A St. Paul dealer mailed me the tokens (plus about 15 other denominations of the lot) represented by impressions.

These are all reproductions and I'm afraid we are in for more of the same. The big shame is that our new collectors get stuck in the neck with them because they would not recognize them as reproductions - - and darn poor ones at that.

These are all brass and very poorly struck. In addition it looks as though they have been tumbled to give them a worn and used look.

They are all the same size which is most unusual for that many different stores. And, the fact that some of the denominations just would not be used by some of these stores.

The Watertown, S.D. set had eight different denominations???? Just not likely at all.

Anyway, with these as examples everyone will be a little on the lookout for. Better forewarned than sorry.

Regards,

Bill

I just got this batch of rubbings and a note from a METCA member who is a well-informed and respected tokenite. It seems to me that we should have a "suspect list" as well as a "maverick list" published from here on out. I suggest we form a monitoring committee and publish a suspect list of bad tokens for present and future members.

Ray Nadreau



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List of restrikes Dick Grinolds #218

1. Marigold Gardens Mendota Minnesota
2. House of Foster St. Paul Minnesota
3. Roberts Cigar Store St. Paul Minnesota
4. Tenney's Grocery Watertown S.D.
5. Weinholzer Tavern Forada Minn.
6. Memorial Beach White Bear Minn.
7. Adrian Dept. Store Adrian Minn.
8. Sandwich Bar Durand Wisc.
9. Dot & Bills Bruce Wisc.
10. Hammond Hotel Hammond Wisc.
11. C. M. Yineman Wabek N.D.
12. Jim's Cigar Stand (maverick)

I saw denominations of $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50, \$1, \$2, \$5, but not all for each business, from 6 to 8 different for each business

Above is listed tokens, the rubbings of which are on the previous page. This list was submitted by Dick Grinolds, METCA 218, after he had seen them at a coin show.

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IDENTIFIED RESTRIKES:

Recently I found a token at a coin show. It wasn't cheap but it was a saloon token reading 'Harry Jones Saloon, Penn Ave. R5 Scranton, Pa.' It was rusty looking and pretty badly scratched up like it might have been rubbed on gravel or the like. I wrote to a friend about my find, and back came a whole set from that area of Pennsylvania, all brand new fakes including the one I had been taken on. However he explained that the 'R5' was not Rt 5 but was 'RS' for RESTRIKE.

Charles Robinson, METCA #82



Publisher's Note: In my opinion it is commendable that whoever made the above tokens had them identified 'RS' for restrrike.

FANTASY:

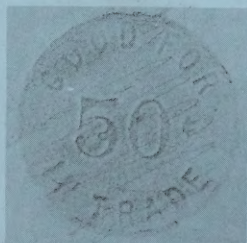
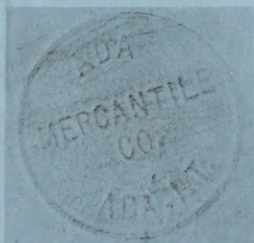
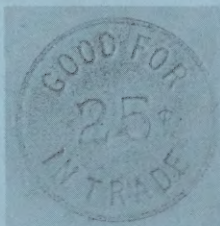
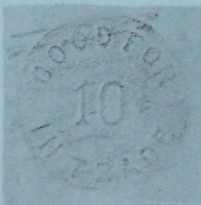
Collectors of I.T. tokens seem to be the target of makers of fantasies. The most recent discovery of a fantasy or modern set of tokens was made by Del Ford, METCA #194, at a recent flea market. It is not known if these have been advertised and in all probability are not claimed as old by a dealer handling them.

At the particular market that Mr. Ford attended, several dealers were selling them at various prices from \$3.00 per set up to as much as \$20.00 per set. One dealer said he might be able to furnish as many as 40 sets.

These are round, brass, and have the usual appearance of modern tokens with the attempt of making them appear old and worn. The obverse wording is 'ADA/MERCANTILE/CO./ADA, I.T.' Reverse is 'GOOD FOR/(50,25,10,5 or 1¢) IN TRADE.' No research has been made to see if Ada Mercantile Co. could actually have existed prior to statehood but it seems very unlikely that these particular tokens are restrikes. They have a modern look that can't be covered up with the attempted efforts to make them appear old. That is why these tokens are labeled 'fantasy' rather than 'reproduction.'

In my opinion, the only reason for a collector to have reproductions or fantasies in a collection is to help him identify them from genuine tokens. This could save much disappointment and discouragement in collecting tokens.

Jane Keel, METCA #80.



SUSPECT:

Obverse: LITTLE CASINO/SALOON/HOT SPRINGS

- Round, Brass.

Reverse: GOOD FOR/IN TRADE/5¢/ARK.

Coin dealer in the state of Washington had these a few years back. He offered them in lots of 20 for \$2.50 each. Now they are all over the Midwest going for low prices in mail auctions. This token even looks bad.

Charles Littlefield, METCA #7

THE FOLLOWING CONSISTS OF A GROUP OF 100 OBERSE DIES FROM 15 DIFFERENT STATES WHICH WERE IN A P.A.C.A MAIL BID SALE AUG. 25, 1971

Cave Creek, Ariz. Randy's Drive Inn
Tempe, Ariz. Vienna Bakery
Hot Springs, Ark. Harry's Cue Club
242 Ovachita

Alamosa, Colo. A&W Cigar Store
Eagle Colorado, Sharp's
Grand Junction, Colo. Wleker Cigar
Store

Montrose, Colo. Perotti Pool Hall
Norwood, Colorado, Pastime Club

Boise, Idaho. Sky-Lite 811 Main
Payette, Idaho Town Tavern

Charleston Ill. Smoke House

Chester Ill. BPOE 1629

Chester Ill. K of C 3790

Christopher, Ill FOE Aerie 2419

Danville, Ill. Harold's Cigar Store

East St. Louis, Ill. Gus's Nut House
(25¢ size)

Same but 25¢+ size

Fairfield, Ill. Midway Pool Hall

Grand Tower, Ill. J.H. Birkbigler

Jerseyville, Ill. Jersey Recreation

Johnson City, Ill. J.J. Ranch Rt 37

Lebanon, Ill. Club Royale

New Carlisle, Ind. Phil's Tavern

Terre Haute, Ind. Combination Cigar
Store

Burlington, Iowa Byrnsies Cigar Store
323 Jefferson St.

Halbur, Iowa Potthoff's Place

Lohrville, Iowa Frank's Tavern

Nora Springs, Ia. Friendly Inn

Nora Springs, Iowa Clifford's Pool Hall

Rockwell City, Iowa Thompson Recreation

Solon, Iowa Keesler's Tavern

Titonka, Iowa Lynn's Pool & Beer

Corning, Iowa Mack's Billiards

Cimarron, Kansas Harold & Thelma's
Recreation

Ste Genevieve, Mo. YFW Post 2210

Steele, Mo. Lonnie Pruitt

Vandalia, Mo. Livingsyon Cafe 107 West
Washington

Anaconda, Mont. The Condor Bar 10

Billings, Mont. Western Bar 2212 Minn. Ave
(5¢ size)

Same but 25¢ size.

Libby, Montana Helen Halsey's Tap Room

Missoula, Montana Missoula Lodge 556 Loyal
Order of Moose.

Doniphan, Nebr. F.D. Shields

Doniphan, Nebraska Doniphan Pool Hall

Hastings, Nebr Royal Billiards

McCook, Nebr. Brown & Son

Trenton, Nebr. H.P. Reutzel (25¢ size)

Same but 50¢ size

Beach, Mo. Dak. Leo's Recreation

Dawson, N.Dak. Kennet's Bar

Donnybrook, N.Dak. Ted's Bar (5¢ size)

Same but 25¢ size

Donnybrook, N.Dak. P.S. McKenna

Finley, Mo. Dak. Mile's Place (25¢ size)

Same but 5¢ size

Lankin, N. Dak. Sherek's Bar

Continental, Ohio Gunny's Pool Room

Eaton, Ohio Recreation Parlor

Germantown, Ohio Germantown Recreation

Nevarre, Ohio Spring House Dan Crecco

Warren, Ohio Smoke House

Hanover, Penn. Republican Club

Pittston, Pa. Defalco's Smoke Shop

Fort Worth Texas Old Dick's Place Stop Six

Fort Worth Texas Urban No. 2 Recreation

410 E 3rd Street

Harlingen, Texas BPOE 1889

Pineville, W.Va. American Legion Varney

Cline Post No. 133

Burlington, Wisc. Bill Arby's Rustic Inn
(5¢ size)

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DIE LISTING CONTINUED

Same but 50¢ size
 Boscobel, Wisc. Bog's Bar
 Rio, Wisconsin Carl Peterson
 Prairie Du Chien, Wisc. Duke Ziel's Old
 Faithful Inn.
 Spooner, Wisc. Mike's Bar
 Pavillion, Wyo. Barb's Conoco

Colwich, Kansas Anthony Mannebach,
 Tony's Recreation (25¢ size)
 Same but 50¢ size
 Downs, Ks. Rainbow Recreation
 Ellinwood, Kansas Harmons Smoke House
 Hugoton, Kansas Stag Room
 Independence, Kans. The Whirl
 Nortonville, Kansas Weishaar Rec. & Cafe
 Oskaloosa, Kans. Pat's Billiards
 Randall, Kans. Yarber Recreation Parlor
 Spearville, Kansas L&B Recreation
 Udall Kansas Ralph's Recreation.
 Barneysville, Minn. The Shamrock
 Buhl, Minn. Ambrozich's Bar
 Eagle Bend, Minn. Wally's Recreation
 Granite Falls, Minn. Frank's Place
 Houston, Minn. Flattum Grocery Yucatan
 Store.
 Staples, Minn VFW Club No. 1910
 Cairo, Mo. Ted's Recreation
 Crystal City, Mo. D.L. Fortney
 Malden, Mo. American Legion 293
 Poplar Bluff, Mo. King of Clubs
 Rolla, Mo. Continental Billiards 813 Pine
 Sedalia, Mo. RRR 209 W. Main
 Springfield, Mo. Down Beat Club 907 Poplar
 St.
 St. Louis 10, Mo. South Side Home Improve-
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Some collectors are considering these tokens to be die-trial pieces as Anillo tried the dies they had purchased in the auction sale. Other collectors are considering them to be fakes as they were made up and appear to be specious, deceptive and fraudulent. Some are classifying as fantasy tokens because some of the tokens were never placed into use, either because of mistakes on the dies or the order for the tokens fell through. Yes, they can be called restrikes, one-sided only, in a different metal, in some cases than what were originally struck by LARS. This batch of tokens has created many hard feelings among the collectors and dealers, mainly because they have been passed off as genuine. Many auction sales have included them in their listings, some with the die-trial notations, others are being sold with the explanation they were found in the old LARS Co. warehouse, and others are being sold outright across the counter as genuine. Any comments or questions are invited on any of these uniface die-trial tokens, which I prefer to call them as this is what I was billed for, as a full listing has been made and documented.

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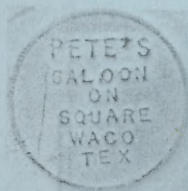
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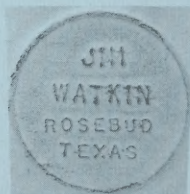
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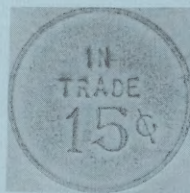
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THE DUPONT FANTASY:

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ADVERTISING GIMMICK:

ROY NADREDA, Publisher

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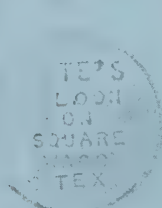
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By simply spending one hour away from your tokens (which is long enough to write a letter to your Congressman), you can help obtain Government protection for your hobby.

WILL YOU DO IT ??

ON PAGES 6, 7, AND 8 OF THIS MONITOR IS A COPY OF A BILL, H. R. 10600, WHICH IS IN CONGRESS RIGHT NOW. IF PASSED, THIS BILL WILL PROVIDE LEGAL PROTECTION AGAINST PRODUCTION OF FAKE TOKENS, BUTTONS, ETC. IF EACH METCA MEMBER WOULD WRITE TO HIS CONGRESSMEN ASKING THEM TO SUPPORT H. R. 10600, CHANCES ARE THAT IT WOULD PASS.

Chriss Christiansen, Chuck Littlefield and I urgently ask each of you to write to your Congressman asking them to support H. R. 10600.

Ray Nadreau

P. S. DON'T BE A TOKEN COP-OUT. WRITE TO YOUR CONGRESSMEN NOW. WE NEED 100% PARTICIPATION TO MAKE THIS WORK.

H. R. 10600

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 13, 1971

Mr. HALPERN (for himself, Mr. MOSS, Mr. MORSE, Mrs. HICKS of Massachusetts, Mr. MAYNE, Mr. FORSYTHE, Mr. HORTON, and Mrs. GRASSO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce

A BILL

To protect hobbyists against the reproduction or manufacture of imitation hobby items and to provide additional protections for American hobbyists.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That this Act may be cited as the "Hobby Protection Act".

4 SEC. 2. The manufacture in the United States for in-
5 troduction into commerce of any hobby item (1) which is
6 a reproduction of any political button, poster, literature, or
7 sticker, or of any advertisement used in any political cause,
8 and (2) which is not plainly marked with the calendar
9 year in which such reproduction was manufactured, is un-

1 lawful, and shall be an unfair or deceptive act or practice
2 in commerce under the Federal Trade Commission Act.

3 SEC. 3. The manufacture in the United States for intro-
4 duction into commerce of any hobby item described in section
5 5 (1) (B) or 5 (1) (D) which is a reproduction of such an
6 item, and which is not plainly and permanently marked
7 "reproduction" with the date of manufacture, is unlawful,
8 and shall be an unfair or deceptive act or practice in com-
9 merce under the Federal Trade Commission Act.

10 SEC. 4. (a) On request of any citizen of the United
11 States who receives through the mails, for approval, un-
12 solicited hobby items from any person, the United States
13 Postal Service shall not deliver any mail from such person
14 to the citizen making such request.

15 (b) For purposes of this section, an item is received
16 for approval if any material accompanying such item directs
17 the recipient to pay for the item, or, if he does not wish to
18 keep it, to return it to the sender.

19 (c) The United States Postal Service shall prescribe
20 such regulations as may be necessary or appropriate to carry
21 out this section.

22 SEC. 5. For purposes of this Act—

23 (1) the term "hobby item" means—

24 (A) any political button, poster, literature, or

1 sticker, or any advertisement used in any political
2 cause;

3 (B) any coin or related item;

4 (C) any stamp, first-day cover, block-of-four,
5 or other stamp-related item; and

6 (D) any other item of a type or class the col-
7 lection or arrangement of which constitutes a recog-
8 nized hobby;

9 (2) the term "reproduction" means a reproduction,
10 imitation, or copy; and

11 (3) the term "commerce" has the same meaning
12 as it has under the Federal Trade Commission Act.

13 SEC. 6. The Federal Trade Commission is authorized
14 to prevent any person from violating the provisions of sec-
15 tion 2 or 3 of this Act in the same manner, by the same
16 means, and with the same jurisdiction, powers, and duties
17 as though all applicable terms and provisions of the Federal
18 Trade Commission Act were incorporated into and made a
19 part of this Act. The Commission shall prescribe such regu-
20 lations as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out this
21 Act (other than section 4).

22 SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect ninety days after the
23 date of its enactment.

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RED LIGHT TOKENS

Charles Littlefield and Christ Christensen have both devoted a lot of time and energy to determine the source and authenticity of almost every token of this type on the market. Duane Feisel has devoted a great deal of time and effort in research for a comprehensive article in the California-Nevada Token Society (CANTS) publication about these same tokens. I'm not going to print pictures of, or list the tokens for the simple reason that genuine Bawdy House Tokens are almost non-existent, and the ones being currently sold on the token market are fakes and fantasies which are also being sold to non-collectors for conversation pieces or novelties. New fantasies show up quite regularly.

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Smut printing is big business and recognized as such. Smut can be imprinted on brass tokens as easily as it can be imprinted on paper. Businessmen print smut and sell it to anyone who may have a taste for it. There are many, many individuals who are amused by smut and there are many, many individuals who collect smut items. There is a big market for this kind of material.

For those of you who are amused by these tokens, remember there are a lot of other people who are likewise amused, so purchase all of them you want but keep in mind that a businessman had them made to sell as amusement items and by no means were these particular tokens ordered by an enterprising house madam, prior to going on the token, market.

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More information, opinions and comments on these tokens (pro and con) would be appreciated.

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